

DOMINION DAY OBSERVED.

A BIG DINNER HELD IN LONDON, SIR CHARLES TUPPER PRESIDING.

THE CHAIRMAN'S OPTIMISTIC SPEECH—LORD LORNE COMPLIMENTS CANADA—MEETINGS, M. P. BILLIES TO A CRITIQUE ON THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, July 2.—A dinner in honor of Dominion Day was given at the Westminster Palace Hotel this evening. Sir Charles Tupper, High Commissioner for Canada, presided. One hundred and twenty persons were present, including Lords Lorne, Norton, Brassey and Swanson; Leonard Courtney, M. P.; Sir James Whitehead, M. P.; Sir E. J. Hartland, M. P.; James Rankin, M. P.; A. D. Provan, M. P.; Colonel Charles E. Vincent, M. P., and Sir Saul Samuel, Agent-General in London for the colony of New South Wales. In the absence of Edward Blake, M. P., who was to have responded to the toast to the Dominion of Canada, and of Sir Donald A. Smith, who was to have proposed "The Governors of the Dominion, Past and Present," the toasts were united and were proposed by Sir Charles Tupper in an optimistic speech.

Sir Charles referred to the opening in a few weeks of the Sainte Marie Canal, giving Canada unbroken communication from the Straits of Belle Isle to Lake Superior. In touching on the Beiring Sea controversy, he said that a few years ago such a dispute would have been settled by a terrible war; but the two great English-speaking families had cordially accepted arbitration and had carried into effect the award, a fact which showed that no future date would be waged between them. The fact that a peaceful settlement had been reached had deeply affected European powers, showing them that there was a higher and better arbitration than the sword.

The conference under the shadow of the crown in Ottawa was of the greatest importance. In closing, Sir Charles praised the Earl of Aberdeen for the manner in which he received the delegates to the conference, adding that the Earl of Jersey, the English delegate, was a person grata to both Australia and Canada.

The Marquis of Lorne, in responding to Sir Charles' toast, said that the Ottawa conference showed that a central position in the world's history Canada was destined to occupy. The Princess Louise and himself, he added, regarded the years they spent in Canada as the happiest in their lives.

General Laurier proposed the toast to Parliament. He lamented the fact that the Imperial Parliament was spending its time on local questions and that the local Parliaments had to discuss Imperial questions.

Leonard H. Conner, who replied to General Laurier's toast, declared the Imperial Parliament that had said, had shown wisdom in accepting Canada's Dominion scheme in 1867, and it might again show wisdom in accepting a scheme emanating from Ottawa.

Telegrams were read from the Earl of Aberdeen, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Marquis of Dufferin, expressing regret that they were unable to be present, and conveying their congratulations.

JOURNALISTS VISIT BISMARCK.

THE EX-CHANCELLOR'S IMPROVED HEALTH—HIS KINDLY REFERENCE TO AUSTRIA.

Friedrichshafen, July 2.—A large delegation of journalists attending the Hamburg Congress of journalists paid a visit to Prince Bismarck at his home yesterday. The ex-Chancellor received his visitors in the park, and, in a short speech in reply to a question, referred to the recent improvement in his health. He also spoke of the happy results of the Dietrichen, through which, he said, the enemy of Austria had been converted into a friend.

Berlin, July 2.—Herr Seebel, of the staff of the "National Zeitung," describing the journalists' visit to Friedrichshafen, says that Prince Bismarck had changed for the better since his tour of Dresden and other cities two years ago. His carriage was proud and erect. He spoke more fluently than when in Parliament, and was distinctly audible twenty paces away. His admirers thought so closely about him that he could hardly move, but he bore the inconvenience with the greatest good nature. When some of the women tried to kiss his hand he smilingly remonstrated, saying: "Oh, ladies, that will never do."

In the course of a brief speech Bismarck said: "My life is now given up to memories and meditation, and has nothing to do with the wheels of the world which you help to keep going and who share my fate." He added: "I hope that I shall not go to Kissingen this year, as taking the waters was exceedingly fatiguing."

Referring to the greeting of an Austrian journalist, Herr Seebel said: "The greeting of the Emperor of Austria was destined to occupy the heart of every German." The chief of the Bismarck party, Dr. Böhm, said: "We used to sit in the Bundestag where two horses were yoked in front and two behind the Emperor's chair."

The "Republique" demands that the Government commute the clemency of the Emperor of Germany, and grant amnesty to the political offenders now under arrest.

Bismarck looked rather fatigued before he bade farewell to the visitors.

A NEW DEATH DUTY CLAUSE ADOPTED.

IT COVERS PROPERTY IN THE COLONIES WHICH IS OWNED BY PERSONS DOMICILED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

London, July 2.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir William Harcourt moved the new clause relating to the levying of death duties upon property situated in the colonies and belonging to persons domiciled in the United Kingdom. The clause provides that where the colonial duties are lower than the new estate duties the difference must be paid into the British Exchequer.

Sir George Balen-Powell said that the Government was not in possession of the priviliees of interfering with the right of the colonies to impose their own taxation.

Sir William Harcourt said he was amazed that such a misfortune should be put upon the clause, which in its way did the colonies and the people thereof, but merely taxed property belonging to persons living in Great Britain.

Mr. Bowden said that, although he doubted the wisdom of the clause, he agreed with the Committee in this matter, he agreed with the Chairman of the Committee that it was a tax upon British and not foreign property, and therefore not contrary to the constitutional rights of the colonies.

The action on Sir William Harcourt was agreed to without a division.

The Budget bill passed the committee stage this evening, and will be considered for passage on the spot-duty clauses. Messrs. Chancy and Redmond, Panellists, led the opposition to the clause. The debate would affect Ireland unjustly, they said. They were followed by Mr. Goschen, and other members. The clause was finally passed by a vote of 132 to 12.

TO GIVE A DINNER FOR MR. BAYARD.

London, July 2.—General P. S. Collier, the United States Consul-General in London, will give a dinner at the Savoy Hotel on July 4 in honor of Thomas F. Baldwin, the United States Ambassador, and all the consuls of the United States. Among the guests will be the principal officials of the United States Embassy, B. F. Stevens, dispatch agent in London, Alexander Macmillan, Mrs. Louis Stern, Major W. H. Colson, Henry Walker, Isaac Untermyer, M. P., Grace, J. D. Morton, T. H. Howard, the Rev. C. M. Addison, the Rev. A. E. McGurk, L. M. Levy, and L. M. Howard.

ARCHEBISHOP OF LYON'S STIPEND RESTORED.

Paris, July 2.—The order depriving the Archbishop of Lyons of his stipend has been rescinded, and the authorities have been instructed to pay the arrears.

It is this same prelate, Monsignor Coullié, who attended the late President Carnot on his deathbed and gave him the sacrament of extreme unction. It must be noticed also that M. Casimir-Perier, the present French President, is a Protestant. The conciliatory measure which he has evidently caused his Minister of the Interior and of Public Worship to take toward the Archbishop of Lyons must, therefore, be attributed to the political sense and ability of the new ruler of France. He understood that it would be injurious to the country's tranquillity, in these days of a final struggle with Anarchy, to leave visible any trace of the recent wrangle between the Government and certain Roman Catholic prelates. M. Casimir-Perier has lowered the lay power before the ecclesiastical hierarchy in restoring his stipend to Monsignor Coullié, for the latter had been disengaged by the Pope, and had made a kind of apology to the Pope.

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was a little surprise for the many listeners at the Garden Theatre. Miss Theresa Vaughn, who has been a prominent member of the "442" company for so long, started on a short vacation yesterday, and her part was taken by Miss Volande Wallace—and successfully to judge from the general applause of the listeners. Miss Willis sang the pieces which Miss Wallace has called her own heretofore, and "1862" went merrily on as if forever. Richard Harlow, the majestic "queen," will leave this city for Spain next week to look upon the spots made historic by her whom he "imperatives" so cleverly.

The little Japanese girls who have been added to the cast of the "Mikado" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre and the regular singers looked down upon many interested faces last evening. The performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's opera by the Duff Opera Company has delighted many people, and the company deserves the success which it has had. Tea is served every evening by the Japanese women of the Northwest coast of Alaska, British Columbia, and New Zealand, who have been brought over to perform in the "Missions." Elephants will be on hand to welcome the delegations as they arrive in Cleveland. The members of the Reception Committee will be distinguished by white jackets, caps, tricornes with solid bands and gold being the official colors of the Cleveland Union and of the convention. Each delegate will receive a unique souvenir badge upon registration which will be exchanged with the other members of the delegation.

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